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Re: Helf. #582-736 Australia

Dear George:

I assume the claims in the Australian application are the same as originally submitted in the U.S. application. Accordingly, in answer to the first paragraph of the Official Action the limits of claim 3 refer to the amount of ammoniacal material added to the tobacco.

Claim 17 is directed to the tobacco treated with the ammoniacal material before it is expanded. The tobacco therein is in an intermediate stage and should be expanded as soon as possible. In regard to claims 17, 18 and 19 they were cancelled from the U.S. case and divided out of many of our foreign cases. Perhaps we should cancel claim 17 and try to limit claim 18 to a product by process claim. The Examiner seems to indicate claim 18 might be acceptable if it is connected with the process by which it is obtained.

Our primary interest resides in the process and hopefully we should be able to obtain protection for it.

Very truly yours,

Bill

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